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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

These War Donations

"That it be used in some way in helping Canada wage the war."

Each week brings us news that several more Japanese organizations or communities have made donations of money to the Federal Government for use in connection with the war effort. And each week, these organizations are able to point with pride to a practical demonstration of their patriotism.

I have no doubt as to the sincerity of the motives which have prompted these donations. Without exception the groups responsible for them are making a conscious attempt to fulfill obligations of citizenship, even though they may be denied their privileges.

As far as can be gleaned from the daily press, Japanese Canadians, alone of racial groups, are making these donations. I suppose it is indicative of a strong racial characteristic of almost fanatical devotion to one's king and country, even though they may be adopted king and country.

But are economically insecure Japanese groups actually making the most effective use of their resources with their donations? The sums, on the average, are small, and receive very little publicity in the daily press. Hence they are not very effective in convincing the public of Japanese Canadian loyalty.

Would it not be wiser and more far-sighted policy to conserve these resources at this time for future and more effective use?

The war will last—at least two years, possibly three. What these years are to bring, no man can forsee. But this much is certain. The demands for sacrifices by all of us will be much heavier than they are today.

Possibly the time may come when the Japanese community will be called upon to raise, train and equip their own units. I think we ought to consider this angle and prepare for that eventuality, rather than drain ourselves now with separate donations, which if pooled together could be made to represent a very effective contribution in the future.

Congress Circulates War Questionnaire

With a view to determine the attitude of Canadian youth towards some of the problems that have arisen since the war, the Canadian Youth Congress is distributing questionnaires among the youth of the country.

It covers questions relating to conscription and its effect on civil liberties of the Defence of Canada regulations, profiteering and the conditions of youth.

The questionnaire is aimed at stimulating discussion on these problems, with a view to determining proper measures for their solution.

Hundreds Unable To Gain Entry To Red Cross Show

Finest Program Ever Staged: Japanese Unit May Be Formed

1:30 and two young girls had arrived. 2:00 p.m., and some fifty people waited. At 3:00 there was a crowd of 200. By 4:30, the time the door was opened, the line-up stretched half a block long. By 5:30 every available seat, even the topmost row in the gallery was filled. When the curtain rose ing room, and two hundred peo- at 6:00, there wasn't even stand- ple had been turned away.

Such was Vancouver's support of the first Red Cross Benefit Concert, as some 1700 jammed every inch of the Empress theatre, last Sunday, to enjoy the finest program ever staged in local history. Well-paced, well-arranged, and well-directed, the four-hour program received the most enthusiastic response.

Speaking for the Canadian Red Cross Society, Carleton Clay congratulated the community as being the first in the city to stage a concert entirely for the Red Cross. He told of the international humanitarian work of the Society, and invited the audience to join existing units or to form a separate Japanese Canadian unit.

Preliminary estimates indicated that the sum of roughly $600 would be cleared for the Society.

Among the many distinguished guests were His Worship, Mayor Telford, and Japanese Consul Kenjii Nakauchi, both of whom were warmly applauded when introduced to the audience.

It was indicated that the Vancouver JCCL, sponsors of the concert, would investigate the possibility of organizing a Japanese Canadian Red Cross unit.

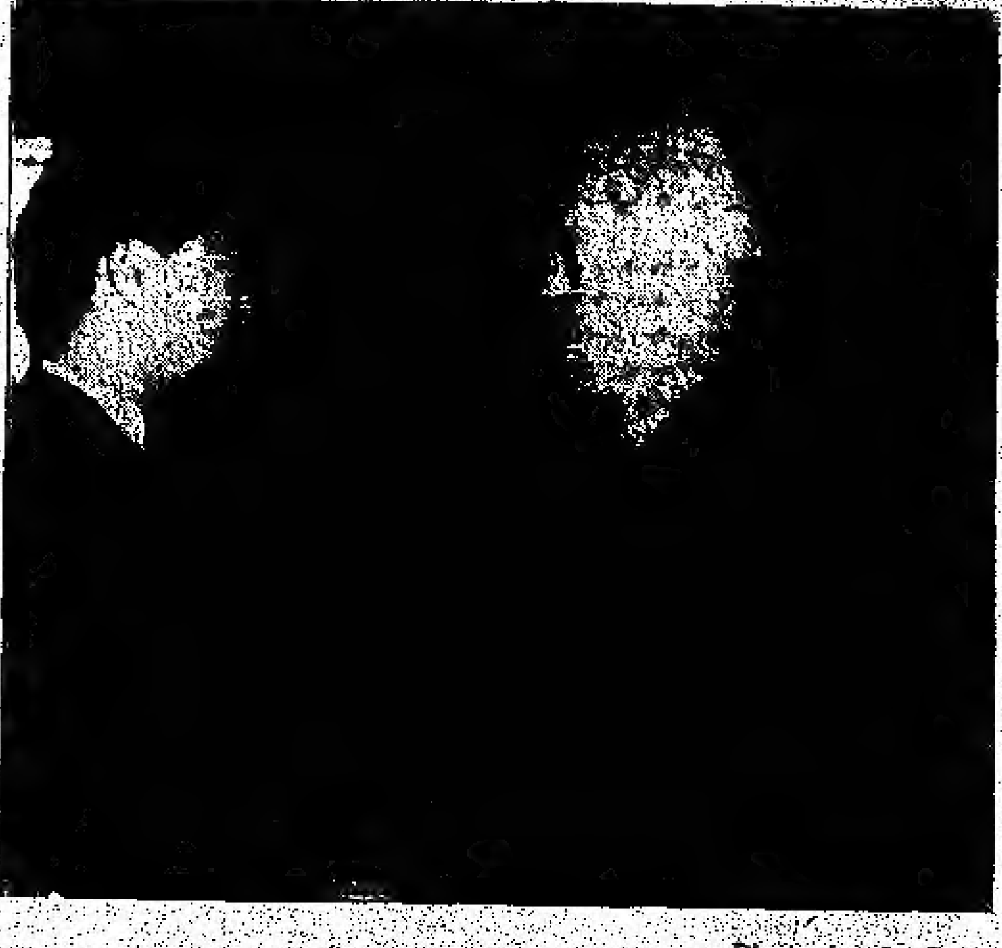

Photo by Jo Seko

The New Canadian Staff Photographer snapped this candid shot of Mayor Lyle E. Telford as he shook hands with Dr. George A. Ishiwara, chairman of the committee in charge of the Red Cross Benefit concert, congratulating the community upon the huge success of the venture. Said His Worship the Mayor, "I enjoyed the programme immensely."

Fishing Licence Quota Unchanged

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Fears that a further reduction in licences for Japanese Canadian fishermen might be forthcoming were dispelled here this week with the announcement from the Department of Fisheries that the status of Japanese fishing licenses would remain unchanged from 1939.

Applications for licences for black cod, halibut and salmon were rejected by the local Fisheries Office earlier on instructions from the Federal Government. This had given rise to a fear that the policy of driving Japanese out of the industry was to be continued.

Although a feeling of relief was apparent, it was observed that no permanent solution of the problem had been found. As long as the constant threat of losing their means of livelihood hangs over Japanese fishermen, the feeling of unrest and insecurity will prevent a feasible solution.

Arita Defines Foreign Policy of Non-Involvement in First Address

Japan Seeks Adjustment with U.S., Britain

TOKYO, Feb. 1.—Addressing the Japanese Diet for the first time since assuming the post of Foreign Affairs in the new Yonai cabinet, Hachiro Arita today drew an outline of projected Japanese foreign policy under the new government.

"It aims first at stabilizing East Asia," he declared, "after which every effort will be made to bring about peace based upon international justice. In pursuance of this fundamental policy, the Japanese government is doing everything within their power to settle the China affair, and to adjust international relations from an independent standpoint of their own.

"As is well known," he continued, "our basic policy for the settlement of the China Affair is to join forces with a New China, which shall be purged of all anti-Japanese and pro-comintern influences; to unite with her in the common purpose of establishing a new order in East Asia and to realize neighbourly amity common defence against the Comintern and full economic co-operation.

Anglo-Japanese Relations

Touching upon relations with Great Britain, the minister stated that since the beginning of the China Affair the Japanese Government had attempted to effect a general adjustment of British-Japanese relations.

Negotiations are now in progress concerning the seizure of German passengers aboard the Asama Maru while in Japanese waters, and the government is doing its best to arrive at a satisfactory settlement.

U.S. Trade Pact

Referring to the abrogation of the trade treaty with the U. S., Arita declared that the American government had taken this step believing that it "would serve in the solution of various questions

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SYMPHONY AUDITION

Sir Arthur Benjamin, eminent musician and composer, will be speaker at the Vancouver Symphony Society pre-audition at the Hotel Georgia Friday, February 2, at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Benjamin who will be guest conductor at the symphony concert February 11, will discuss his own programme in his talk.

On The Newsfront

GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGES FARMERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

Recognition of the action of the Consolidated Japanese Farmers' Association in donating the sum of $362.35 to Canada's war fund is contained in a letter received by the organization's secretary, Mr. S. Shin, from the Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of finance. Mr. Ralston wrote:

"May I express to you, on behalf of the Government, our very sincere appreciation of this gift. Evidences such as this of practical patriotic interest are a stimulating example to others, while at the same time assisting materially in the task which lies before us all.

"Will you please convey to the members of your organization the most sincere thanks of the Government."

STUDENT ADVANCE TOPICS ANNOUNCED

Seattle.—Plans for the second annual intercollegiate advance to be held February 24 on the University of Washington campus are taking shape under the co-chairmanship of Miyo Kamihira and Fred Kosaka.

Topics for group discussions announced this week include:

1. Undergraduate problems, extra-curricular activities and the psychology of study.
2. Adjustment to social environment and second generation personality.
3. Vocational opportunities.
4. Appreciation of Japanese art.

NISEIS MAKE SUPERIOR SECRETARIES

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles Nisei Business Bureau has announced an open letter contest on the topic of "Why does a Nisei make a Superior secretary." The letter should be not less than 200 words or more than 1000, and must be mailed not later than Feb. 29.

The Bureau is sponsoring the contest to encourage more Nisei to seek positions in American business firms, and with employers outside the limited Japanese community.

ROYSTON AIYUKAI DONATES TO NATIONAL DEFENCE

CUMBERLAND.—Japanese Canadian societies all over the province are joining in one after another in donating sums of money to the National Defence of Canada. One of the latest organizations to swell the number was the Royston Aiyukai which unanimously passed a resolution at its 17th annual meeting last Sunday contributing one hundred dollars to the country's defence.

FORMER CANADIAN MINISTER TO JAPAN DIES

MONTREAL.—Sir Herbert Marler, 63, well-known as Canada's first minister to Japan, died last Wednesday.

Sir Herbert who served in that post from 1929 to 1936 was deeply interested in the development of British Columbia's trade with Japan and the Far East and was instrumental in promoting the best of relations, commercial and political, between Canada and Japan.

In 1936 he was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States but had to resign on account of ill-health.

At present Canada has no minister in Tokyo, but it is rumoured that E. J. Tarr, prominent Winnipeg K.C., may be appointed to fill the vacancy in the near future.

Mill Employees Take Patriotic Step

Contribute $300 for Canada's War Effort

Twenty-five years ago Japanese Canadian citizens raised and equipped a battalion from their own members which saw service overseas. One third of the battalion gave up tseir lives in the service of their country.

In the war today there has been no call for this supreme sacrifice. But Japanese Canadians, the length and breadth of the province, are trying to do their bit in the only way open to them.

This week, added to the ever growing list of monetary contributions being made by Japanese communities and organizations was a donation of $300, raised by some ninety Japanese employees of the Powell Lumber and Fuel Company.

It was forwarded today to Mayor L. D. Telford, with the request that it be remitted to the Minister of National Defence, for use in connection with Canada's war effort.

Accompanying the contribution which expressed the gratitude of the men for the benefits they enjoyed in living in Canada, and their desire to assume responsibilities of citizenship in assisting their country through some practical channel.

U.S. - Japan Trade Continues Despite Lapse of Treaty

No Move to Sever Relations or To Negotiate New Pact

Trade relations between the United States and Japan are being continued upon the same basis as prior to the expiration of the trade treaty of 1911, and probably will continue to do so, according to authoritative announcements made both at Tokyo and Washington.

The fundamental change in the situation, however, lies in the fact that the maintenance of these relations rests entirely upon the pleasure of either of the two governments.

Neither state has made any outward move either to disrupt the huge volume of trade between the two countries or to negotiate a new treaty, which would place trading relations upon a more secure basis.

Best Customer

For years Japan has been America's third best customer, ranking after Great Britain and Canada; while the U.S. is Japan's largest buyer of major exports, such as raw silk, textiles, canned goods, tea, chinaware, novelties and toys.

In 1938 U.S. exports to Japan amounted to $240,000,000 and imports to $127,000,000.

Regions most vitally affected by the possibility of the disruption of trade relations are the Southern States, which face the possibility of the loss of an important cotton export market, eastern areas engaged in the silk textile industry and the Pacific Coast States.

Business interests in both countries are pressing for the early negotiations of a new treaty, but opposing this are the American interests anxious to protect their investments and rights in China.

Japan Fisheries Lead Whole World

Tokyo.—The fishery industry Japan now ranks first in the entire world, according to statistics compiled at the close of the year.

Being an island country, Japan is surrounded on all sides by waters that teem with fish of many varieties. One authority says there are 1,000,000 kinds of fish, of which 400 are in common use as food.

A million and a half fishermen are engaged in the industry with 460,000 fishing vessels, and bring in fish to the value of 600 million yen, 40 million yen of this is consumed internally, and the balance exported to Great Britain, the U. S., Germany and France, as well as to the Far East.

Japan's fishing population makes up 50 per cent, her fishing vessels 45 per cent, and her annual catches 38 per cent of world's totals.

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Port Alice War Loan Drive Goes Over the Top

Wataru Inouye

Endorsing Canada's war effort in an effective and concrete form, Japanese Canadian residents of Port Alice subscribed to $10,000 in War Loan bonds as soon as they were offered for sale.

Many residents, including Niseis who wished to purchase bonds, were disappointed owing to the rush to subscribe. Japanese foreman George K. Inouye acted as agent in the purchase of the bonds.

Vigilance Needed To Protect Minority Rights

LOS ANGELES.—The essential necessity for an organization such as the Japanese American Citizens' League from the standpoint of practical politics was given firm emphasis here last week by the man conceded to be California's outstanding political leader, Senator Robert Kenny.

Speaking before the Los Angeles chapter of the JACL, Senator Kenny declared:

"For a racial minority group of American citizens such as the Nisei, there is no insurance against adverse legislative activities except vigilance. And herein lies the essential need for efficient organization.

"To accomplish aims in the sphere of politics, organization is absolutely necessary. The Nisei citizenry should be wholehearted- ly encouraged to support solidly their Citizens' League. It is vital to their welfare."

Settlement of Asama Incident Near

Statement of Legal View Clarifies Issue

A satisfactory outcome of the dispute over the British Navy's action in taking German passengers of military age off the Japanese liner, Asamu Maru, is expected as a result of conversations at Tokyo between Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Japan's Foreign Minister, Hachiro Arita.

These talks were followed by a meeting of the Japanese Ambassador, Mamoru Shigemitsu, with Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax in London.

The British thesis is that it is an established practice of international law that citizens of a belligerent state liable to military service can be taken off neutral ships on the high seas.

It was done as a matter of course in the last war. And during the present war the practice has been continued by both sides not only without either of them denouncing it but also without protest from the neutrals concerned.

Indeed it is safe to say that if it had been realized in London that Japan took a different view on the questions of international law involved, the British might have explained to Japan in advance that in this matter they were only doing what the Germans themselves were doing and what every belligerent claims a right to do including the Japanese themselves.

Consul to Resume Official Reception In Capital City

Endorses Japanese Patriotic Donations

((From The Victoria Times)

VICTORIA.—Paying a courtesy visit to Victoria, Kenji Nakauchi, Japanese consul in Vancouver, called on local Japanese resident and made a number of official calls, including one at Government House.

Mr. Nakauchi said that his aim was to "spread a feeling of friendship between Canadians and Japanese people in Canada."

He expressed pleasure that his countrymen were "taking an active part in Canada's war effort, sending contributions to various patriotic organizations," and stated that he urges the Japanese in this country to mingle as much as possible in the life of their communities.

While here the Japanese consul made arrangements for a reception which he and Mrs. Nakauchi will give to leading Victorians early in February at the Empress Hotel. This will mark the first official Japanese consular reception in Victoria for a number of years.

These Are Fighting Finns

Finnish eyes are keen. Manning their anti-aircraft batteries and their defence lines are men whose peacetime hobbies or occupations demand accurate marksmanship. These men aboard a Finnish warship are typical of the fighting men, who claim Russian planes are falling daily before their guns. The resistance they have offered to the westward advance of the Russian bear has amazed the world.

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NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Prince Rupert Patter

By Hiroshi Hamasaki

Seinen Kuwai

A big crowd attended the Seinen Kuwai held at the Japanese Hall, Jan. 16, to commemorate the Japanese 2600th anniversary. A ceremony appropriate for the occasion occupied the first part of the program. In the second half individuals contributed to the entertainment with songs, odoris, etc. 11:30 read the clock when the gathering broke up for the night, but everyone left happy and contented.

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Back Home

After a short visit to Vancouver and vicinity, a well-known local Nisei, Hedy Suehiro, returned home with a big smile. We wonder . . .

Also returning to Rupert were Mr. and Mrs. S. Abe. In their company was Miss Yori Nakatani whose sisters, Nancy and Yuki Nakatani, are well-known in Vancouver and here.

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A couple of weeks ago, five local Nisielettes and many from Skeena River left for Butedale where they are being employed by the Canadian Fishing Company in the herring business.

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Musical Night

A musical program was the educational topic at the Nippon A.Y.P.A. meeting at the Japanese Mission, Jan. 28. Those who participated were, Miss Hegs, Miss Emily and Michi Yamanaka on the piano, Fred Machida and Kayzi Nishio contributed popular songs on the mandolin and the guitar.

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Fisher Concert

Big preparations are under way for the big concert which is taking place this week at the time of writing at the Japanese Hall under the sponsorship of the Northern B. C. Residential Fishermen's Association.

Ganges Granary

By A. GLEANER

An exceedingly pretty wedding took place, Jan. 20 at the Holy Cross Mission when Yaeki, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Goto of Kennedy, became the bride of Mr. Shigeru William Nakamura of Ganges. Rev. G. G. Nakamura performed the ceremony.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father looked charming in a floor-length white satin gown, which ended in a long train. Rosebuds and orange blossoms held her veil to her head. She carried a pretty bouquet of carnations, rosebuds, jonquils and sprays of fern.

Attending upon the bride were Tomiko Nakamura and Naoye Goto, sisters of the groom and bride, attired in mauve sheer frocks. The flower girls, Sakaye and Kimiye Goto, were dressed in yellow satin and carried baskets of gay flowers.

The best man was Goro Nakamura and the usher, Hajime Horiuchi.

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Over 100 guests attended the reception which followed at the Fuji.

For their honeymoon the young couple went to Seattle returning to Ganges by way of Victoria for a stay of a few days with the groom's parents.

Friday, Jan. 20 at 6:30, Mrs. S. Nakamura entertained her Ganges friends at a banquet held in honour of the newly-weds. About forty people were present and a jolly time was had by all.

The evening was spent in merriment with singing, games and so forth.

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Mrs. Kiyoko Ashizawa and son, of Vancouver, were guests of her mother, Mrs. Nakamura.

Britannia Bits

By CRUSHER

After a few weeks' absence the Crusher again resumes weekly contact with Nisei communities both near and far, through the ever-expanding Nisei medium, "The New Canadian."

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Ping Pong Game

Recently the young fellows in the bunk-house decided to break the monotony of these long winter evenings by trying ping-pong. After much hammering and sawing a dining table was converted into a standard size table, and now hardly an evening passes without the fellows enjoying the game. Harry and Joe are so good, it seems no suitable opposition can be found.

When a salesman appears from the city the boys are depressed because they are deprived of their table.

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Win and Lose

Last week the Beach and Mine basketball teams visited Woodfibre, where the Mine team lost to Squamish 49-24. In the other game, Woodfibre led 19-7 against the Beach at half-time, but the Britannia boys rallied to win the game 28-24.

On Saturday the Beach High School cage squad defeated Woodfibre 20-4, while the girls were also victorious, 12-8.

Following the game, Misses Betty Shinohara and Fumiko Kakutani were guests of Miss Ayako Sato.

Member Feted

Saturday evening in the Club House the Y.P.S. gave a party honoring a faithful member, William Nakamura, and Mrs. Nakamura, married recently. A lovely gift was presented to them from the Society.

Kuwabara Heads Active Victoria JCCL

By Joni Gossipe

The Victoria Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League embarked upon another year of activity last week, electing officers for the 1940 season.

Masao Kuwabara will head the chapter this year as president, ably supported by Muss Okamoto, vice-president; Yaeko Henmi, secretary; Eichi Kondo, treasurer, and Marion Yoneda, George Kuwata, and Stummie Okamoto, social convenors.

The secretary's report, indicating a very active past year, was given by Toshi Hasegawa, and the treasurer's report by Marion Yoneda. Auditors were Masa Takahashi and Toshio Uyede.

A motion upholding "Knitting to aid the Red Cross" was unanimously supported by the members.

Silent tribute in honour of the late Mr. Kiyoshi Shimizu, who passed away early in the New Year, was given at the beginning of the meeting.

Chairman for the evening was Yaeko Henmi, and the meeting was brought to a close with refreshments.

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Thank You!

Thank you, Steveston JCCL for a copy of the "Citizen." Congratulations on a fine publication—Keep up the good work.

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Victoria Vagaries . . .

To mention a few of the old faces seen at the meeting: **Toshio, Katsumi and Mamoru Uyede.** The latter two home on holiday until Englewood starts up again . . . Why do the local members prefer men (?) on the social committee? It does seem queer, if you stop to consider that half the members are girls . . . Our friend **Toshi** was getting all the attention in one corner and were some girls jealous! Also noticed two boys running around trying to get something on one another — watch your step, **Sty** and **Toyo**. **Ask** them about a certain blonde hair . . . "Oh hunter, save my boat!" cried the **"Killer,"** as **Stummie** hurriedly stripped to swim out for their drifting punt.

Bloedel Banner

By Game-Getter

While roaring to the woods drawing "empties" January, Bloedel's ninety-ton locomotive derailed, then overturned at a curve beyond Camp 5.

Salvage crews employing powerful donkey engines and spar trees toiled frantically day and night in their attempt to raise the "locie" on to the rails. They eventually succeeded.

Some 88 loggers are at present temporarily laid off as extensive repairs are being conducted to the No. 4.

Trainmen had a close brush with death but escaped scot free by leaping clear of the rolling engine.

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Hiroshi and Harry Adachi at Englewood until recently, returned home Jan. 26 after spending a week in town.

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Kendoists Prepared For Big Tourney

By Chatter

Concert Planned

Celebrating the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of Japan, the Upper River Fishermen's Association will sponsor a super-colossal concert at the Japanese Hall on Dyke Road, East Richmond, on Feb. 11.

Kendo Coming

The programme includes odori's, kendo and several plays. Messrs. Kenno and Sato will direct the stage plays and scenery is being arranged by Mr. Iwabutsu.

The much-talked of event will soon be here . . . the Northwest Kendo tournament, at the Japanese Hall in Vancouver.

Local participants are keenly interested and appear very confident of their chances in the tournament. They are practising nightly and making twice-weekly trips to Steveston to work out with the Steveston aces.

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Censored . . .

A certain young lady received a card and a letter from a young sailor aboard the "Asakaze Maru." There's something about men in uniform, isn't there, Elsie.

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CONSUL

Residents of Lulu Island and surrounding districts will gather in the Japanese Hall in East Richmond (Nakanoshiku), Thursday, February 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to hear an address by the Japanese Consul, Kenji Nakauchi.

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JCCL Moving Picture

The local JCCL chapter sponsored a very successful show at the Sunbury Japanese school, January 28, to raise funds for its depleted treasury.

The pictures presented by Shinkosha were "Aikoku Jin Reika" and "Kokkai naki Jinsen." A patriotic note was evident when pictures of Their Majesties, the King and Queen, were greeted

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A Re-Dedication

Like individuals and business enterprises, newspapers need to take stock of themselves from time to time to survey the record of the past, to undergo a conscious soul-searching, to look forward into the future.

Today, upon its first anniversary, The New Canadian takes stock, and looks back upon one year of continuous publication.

A year ago, born out of the needs of the Nisei, and rising from the ashes of two former second generation newspapers, we presented the first of our regular eight-page issues. A year ago we pledged this paper to speak at all times for the Nisei of Canada, to uphold principles of truth, justice and tolerance, to work unceasingly for the future greatness of Canada and the part of Canadian-born Japanese in this future.

Twelve months have fled by since that first issue. Twelve months that saw the world move from crisis to crisis, and finally to plunge into a new war. Twelve months that saw the ceaseless tide of events buffeting the Nisei back and forth. Twelve months that saw the birth pains and the struggles of The New Canadian to meet the needs and efforts of the second generation in Canada.

Today, upon our first anniversary, we face the future in a more chastened and humble mood, but with a deeper consciousness of our responsibilities and a new determination to carry on with the work that we have taken up.

We appeal again for your support, both moral and financial. Upon that solid rock, and that alone, is The New Canadian built. Upon you depends the future service of The New Canadian to the Nisei.

We appeal for that support, conscious of our shortcomings, of the mistakes that we have made, of the situations we have failed to meet adequately. But we appeal for that support, more firmly convinced than ever before of the imperative need of such an organ as this newspaper to work for the Nisei in these stirring and troublous times.

Nisei Co-operation

Much has been said of Nisei unity and of what Nisei unity could accomplish for the benefit of all.

No more vivid example has come to light in recent times than the Red Cross Concert. Co-operating in this venture to make it the huge success it was were over two hundred people, who gave unstintingly of their time, talent and effort in support of a worthy cause.

It was a worthwhile venture from any point of view and must have impressed Canadian society with our desire to share in the responsibilities of Canadian citizenship, as well as its privileges.

To all those who were responsible for the concert we owe a debt of gratitude.

From the Nisei point of view, the experience gained indicates the degree of co-operation that can be relied upon the Japanese Canadian Citizens League in support of any worthwhile and well-planned ventures of benefit to the entire public.

The Postman Brings

STRIKE UP THE BAND!

Editor, The New Canadian—Sir: Through your columns allow me to express my thanks and appreciation to each and every individual who played in the augmented Harmonica Band at the recent Red Cross benefit concert.

So keen and enthusiastic was their co-operation and support that I found the difficult task of conducting a pleasure, indeed.

I feel that they deserve much credit, for it was the first time in history that a band of this size, drawn from three separate units, has made a public appearance.

The success the band won was due entirely to the manner in which every player co-operated, and I am sure that with this spirit of comradeship, a great future is in store for the organization.

ROY Y. KUMANO.

Vancouver.

CONCERT CONGRATULATIONS

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: I would very much like to convey my congratulations to the JCCL through the medium of your paper, for the wonderful concert held at the Empress Theatre last Sunday.

They must have felt very gratified to see such an enormous crowd.

My friends and I enjoyed every minute of it, and thought how well it was arranged and carried out.

Such a concert entails a great deal of time and work, and again I congratulate you.

E. M. LE WARNE.

1405 Slocan St.,
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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: I am sending you a cheque for six months' subscription to The New Canadian, in which I am greatly interested.

I think it is growing up.

One thing that is of special interest to me is the news I get of my former kindergarten children, and, in some cases, grand-children.

ELEANOR LENNOX.

Toronto.

BE REASONABLE

In contrast to logic, there is common sense, or still better, the Spirit of Reasonableness. I think of the Spirit of Reasonableness as the highest and sanest ideal of human culture, and the reasonable man as the highest type of cultivated human being. No one can be perfect; he can only aim at being a likeable, reasonable being. In fact I look forward to the time when the people of the world will be informed with this reasonable spirit, both in their personal and their national affairs. Reasonable nations live in peace and reasonable husbands and wives live in happiness. In the selection of husbands for my daughters, I shall have only one standard, is he a reasonable person? We cannot imagine perfect husbands and wives who never quarrel; we can only conceive of reasonable husbands and wives who quarrel reasonably and then patch up reasonably. Only in the world of reasonable beings can we have peace and happiness. The Reasonable Age, if that should ever come about, will be the Age of Peace. It will be the age in which the Spirit of Reasonableness prevails.—**Lin Yutang** in "The Importance of Living."

"Foreign Policy"

(Continued from page 1)

which had arisen between Japan and America in connection with the China Affair.

Although the policy of the government is not to eliminate legitimate rights and interests of the U.S. and other Third Powers, but on the contrary to invite their active participation in developing the New Order, military operations and strategy inevitably interfered with trade and economic activity.

The government, he said, would exert further efforts in the confident hope that Japanese-American relations will be restored to a normal treaty basis.

In concluding his address, the Minister reiterated the intention of the government to adhere strictly to a policy of non-involvement in the European war.

ALDERMAN WILSON AND HIS "ORIENTAL MENACE"

(Second Installment)

BY STAFF WRITER

As a rule we are accustomed to take for granted that under our democratic system, the elected representatives of the people should be of average, if not somewhat superior, intelligence. Sometimes, however, the public utterances of our representatives belie this assumption. And sometime their written statements are such as to suggest that in making this assumption we are guilty of a very serious error.

Take for instance Alderman Wilson. He devotes four and a half pages of his 12-page brief to a querulous complaint that the Japanese, as a racial group in B.C., are very fertile, that because of this the school population has increased rapidly and by 1968 may be expected to constitute one-third of Vancouver's school population, that Japanese parents do not pay their share of the school costs, and that something ought to be done about it.

Birth Rate Is Boring

Admittedly there is no doubt about the fecundity of the Japanese as a racial group in B.C. But it has been re-hashed so many times that it is boring, when Mr. Wilson suggests that *"owing to the fecundity of the Japanese race, British Columbians are faced with a problem that commands an immediate solution by the powers dealing with such matters."*

One is inclined to think that Mr. Wilson still believes very firmly that the stork accounts for babies. Perhaps that wise old bird is the particular power to whom Mr. Wilson would like to carry his tale of woe.

But even adolescent children in this day and age are well aware that women of any race are most fertile between the ages of 20 and 40. Hence, it is elementary that if in a particular group a large proportion of the women are of fertile child-bearing age, the birth-rate for that group will be high.

Reference to the census figures for 1931 indicate that in that year 75 per cent of Japanese female immigrants over the age of 20 fell within this fertile age group. In the same year, only 50 per cent of all the women of Canada fell within this age group. The natural and inevitable biological result was a relatively high birth-rate for the Japanese. But to compare these rates on the same basis and to conjure up a menace therefrom, is to display a lamentable degree of ignorance concerning the facts of life.

The passing of years has already brought with it an evident decline in the number of births of Japanese children each year, a decline that is not and will not, for sociological reasons, be compensated for by third generation births. But since children as a rule do not begin school immediately after birth, this decline is not immediately noticeable in figures for school registration.

When Alderman Wilson suggests that because the Japanese school population in Vancouver increased from 3.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent (accepting his figures) by 1968 they would constitute 31.5 per cent of the total school population of the city, he undoubtedly is trying to apply the laws of compound interest he learnt in his younger days as a bank clerk. Even then he cannot claim the doubtful distinction of being the first man to put forth his theory that human beings increase by geometrical progression. Many aspiring politicians from B.C. have already used the same gag in days gone by.

Orientals Should Pay School Costs

Mr. Wilson has a particular bitter complaint that although they send so many children to school, Japanese parents do not pay their proportionate share of school costs. He feels an undue hardship is thus imposed upon the white population, and urges that *some method should be devised to ensure that the Oriental populations assume the educational costs of their own children.*

As long as he confines his program to the Oriental population, of course, Mr. Wilson is safe. They have no vote. But one wonders what would happen if he carried the principle to its logical conclusion—if, for instance, in the next civic election he crusaded for the abolishment of public schools and required each family, regardless of race, to pay its own education costs.

Apparently his only method of ensuring that Oriental parents pay more school taxes is to campaign for the right to rob them of their legitimate rights to earn a daily living.

TOWN TOPICS ..

Nisshinkai Will Meet

The annual general meeting of day February 4, at 2 p.m. at the the Nisshinkai will be held this Sun- Japanese School. All members are requested to attend on time.

Fukuoka General Meeting

The same afternoon at 4 p.m. the Fukuoka Seinenkai will also hold its general meeting at the Fuji. Special representatives from Haney, Hammond, and Woodfibre will attend the meeting. The evening will wind up with an all-time New Year Party.

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Roll Away Again

To raise their annual allocation for the R.E.C. the CGIT, Tuxis, and Trail Rangers of the Powell and Fairview United Churches will work together this year by sponsoring a Grand Roller Fest at Happyland on Monday, February 26.

Tickets at 35c each may be obtained from any club member. Everybody out to support these 'teen age groups.

Bride Feted

Honouring Miss Kuniko Abe whose marriage to Mr. Kentaro Ebisuzaki will take place at the Hompa Buddhist Temple on Saturday, February 17, Mr. and Mrs. K. Iwata held a dinner party at their home last Sunday, January 28.

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Junior Church Service

"Theological Students' Night" this Sunday, February 4, at the Powell United Junior Church. Three students from the United Church Theological College, Bryan Colwell, Ian Hind, and George Lowe, a Chinese student, will take over the pulpit. They will speak on: "Why I offered myself for the Christian ministry." Takashi Komiyama will be in charge of the service.

Just before the service at 6:30 p.m. the new Church Boards will meet for supper to hold election of officers for executive positions. And immediately following the service tea will be served in the night school room in honour of the visiting speakers and Mr. Daniel Washimoto who is sailing for Japan shortly.

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Bridal Couple

Mr. and Mrs. T. Uchida after spending a few days in the city left last Wednesday, January 31, for Ocean Falls where the bridal couple will take up residence. Mrs. Uchida is the former Fudeko Sato of Woodfibre.

Hiroshima Anniversary

The Hiroshima Seinenkai will hold its annual meeting this coming Sunday at 2 p.m. at the club office, 143 Dunlevy Ave. Every member out to discuss plans for the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the club.

A six o'clock social will follow at the New Pier.

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Jikyokai Gathers

Sunday at the Japanese Hall the Jikyokai will hold its annual meeting from 4 o'clock in the afternoon. To enable discussion of business matters of great importance notably that of the oratorical contest, every member is urgently requested to keep the day free to attend the meeting.

Later the meeting will adjourn to the Fuji where a supper social will conclude the day's activities.

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Farewell Fete

Feting Miss Tatsuye Saito, prominent and active member of the Gakuyukai who is leaving for Japan on March 6, the Gakuyukai is planning a farewell party to be held at the New Pier Cafe on Saturday, March 2, at 7 p.m.

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STEVESTON

Among those attending the Home Nursing Course given under the auspices of the Red Cross Society are a few Nisei girls who have shown great interest in war work.

The Steveston YPS will hold its regular meeting this Sunday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. Fred Nishi, the literary convenor, will be in charge.

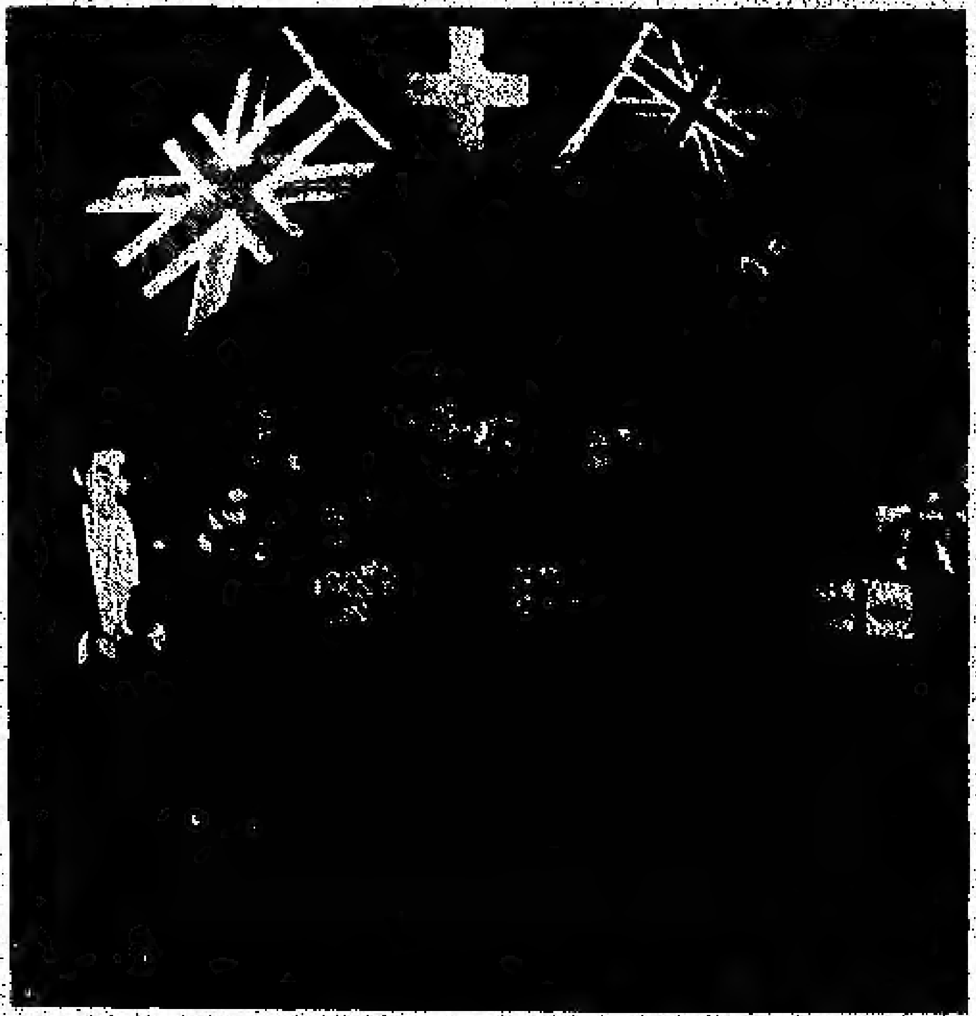

Photo by Jo Seko

Symbolic of the purpose of the concert were the two flags and the cross which decorated the back drop for the closing numbers on the programme of the Red Cross Benefit concert, Sunday at the Empress theatre.

Just a few of the members of the largest Nisei harmonica band ever to make a stage appearance were snapped by photographer Jo Seko, just prior to their rising to play the National Anthem. In front are the genial master of ceremonies, Satoshi "Sally" Nakamura, and Conductor Roy Y. "Maestro" Kumano.

JCCL Invites Prominent K.C. To Speak

Elections Called: Spring Frolic Planned

Winding up the 1939-40 season Vancouver Chapter of the JCCL will hold its delayed general meeting, Saturday, February 24, for election of officers. T. G. Norris, K.C., honorary member of the League, has been invited to speak on the legal position of the Nisei, with particular regard to wartime conditions.

Submitted as recommendations drawn up by the outgoing executive are constitutional amendments to raise the membership fee to $1.00, and to enlarge the executive to provide for a more representative Nisei opinion in directing the policy of the Citizens League.

The executive also announced the date for the second annual Spring Frolic as March 21, at which time the older generation will be invited to join with the younger in a continuation of efforts to further social intercourse between the two groups.

Nominated by the committee and the retiring executive for executive positions next year are Dr. George Ishiwara, president; Shota Kondo, vice-president; Kunio Shimizu, treasurer; Roy Yamamura, corresponding secretary; Miss Yae Suzuki, recording secretary; and Misses Kay Sasaki and Tomi Iwasaki, social convenors; Yoshio Matsui, in the dual capacity of second vice-president and chairman of the Athletic Union, remains in office until the fall of 1940.

Kitsilano Club Will Hold Discussions On Nisei Problems

Nisei problems will be the main topic of discussion and conversation at the Kitsilano Japanese School as members of the Koyukai turn over another leaf in their colorful career Sunday, Feb. 18 at 2:30 sharp in the afternoon. Members and their friends are invited to attend the gathering at which Thomas K. Shoyama, New Canadian editor, and Edward T. Ouchi, JCCL national secretary, will be guest speakers.

The main purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the members with the aims and work of the JCCL.

The following questions have been drafted for discussion:

1. Why have dual nationality?
2. Should the Nisei have a knowledge of the Japanese language?
3. Are the Issei right in condemning Nisei participation in dancing?
4. Has the Nisei taken full advantage of the opportunities in the employment field?
5. Is inter-marriage the answer to the assimilation problem of the Nisei into Canadian society?

GYK Plans For Major Events

The Gakuyukai will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in no small way this year. At the second executive meeting of the year held at the Japanese Hall last Friday, an ambitious program was carefully drawn up and committees appointed to handle matters with care and dispatch.

Four major projects have been drafted for the year. They include the publication of a magazine to commemorate the silver anniversary of the society, a concert to raise funds for the purchase of a 16 mm. motion picture projector, an oratorical and an essay contest.

Editor-in-chief of the magazine, Harry Kondo, has already drawn up his staff of editors and secretaries to cope with the tremendous job of putting out a hundred-page issue.

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Candlelight and Wine

By Diana

Knit Yourself an Apple Sandwich Cookie

Needles are clicking busily all over country these days as loyal women knit "fast and furious" to keep the fighting men warm and cozy in their chilly dugouts. Are you doing your share to help these men who are protecting your homes? A few girls are.

Knitting all by yourself can become slow monotonous work, but in the midst of company, with bright conversation flowing on all sides, just watch that sock take shape in no time. Of course where there are women, there will be plenty of spicey chatter. Chatter causes dried throats which means "Polly put the kettle on."

For these women who are plaining and purling in defense of the country something extra-specially delicious should be served, so try these delectable apple sandwich cookies.

Cream 1 cup of shortening thoroughly, add one cup of brown sugar gradually and continue creaming. Add 2 beaten eggs and mix well. Sift 3 cups of flour, measure and sift again with 2 tsp. of baking powder and ½ tsp. of salt. Add alternately with 3 tbsp. of milk to the first mixture.

Roll out on a lightly floured board until quite thin, cut with a cookie cutter and bake on a greased cookie sheet in a moderate oven nicely browned. While still warm put together in pairs with the following filling:

Combine 3 medium apples, peeled and grated, grated rind and juice of one lemon, and 1 cupful of white sugar. Boil gently for ten minutes and cool.

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Arrive on Time and Twiddle Your Thumbs

It was gratifying to see so many hundreds of people arrive on time at the Red Cross Concert, a feat seldom accomplished in Japanese circles these days where it seems to have become a matter of custom for each person to say to himself, "Well, everybody else is going to be late so what's the use of my arriving on time just to twiddle my thumbs." Because of this childish variety of rationalization countless meetings have been unduly delayed and frayed tempers taxed to the limit.

To overlook this hard and fast rule of promptness at a party of any kind is intolerably rude. To be invited to a party is a recognized honour and it is only a matter of courtesy to arrive on time. Promptness will at least show a bit of appreciation to the hostess for all the thought and energy that she has spent for the pleasure of her guests.

However, unless specially invited to come early, a thoughtful guest does not arrive earlier than the hour specified.

In former days it was considered the very height of good manners to arrive exactly as the clock struck the hour. Many humerous stories are told of conscientious guests who waited patiently in line just around the corner consulting their watches every few minutes so as to knock on the door at precisely the right moment.

Ten Minutes Leeway

The arrival of all the guests at the same moment, however, causes confusion, so it is now considered more thoughtful for the guests to arrive a few minutes late to allow the hostess to attend to last minute details. Ten minutes leeway, however, is the limit. To be much later causes great inconvenience to the hostess and the other guests and marks the tardy individual as inconsiderate and ill-bred.

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"Wrinkles" Is the Word for Chic

It is amazing to what extent women will go just for the sake of being fashionable. To illustrate here's a curious oddity from a distant land.

"In Chile it's the style to press wrinkles into your dress, instead of trying to get them out. The reason is that when a gown arrives from Paris it's in a terrible state from being packed so long. So to arrive at a party down there with jewels and hair just right and with a dress all wrinkled is the latest word in chic. It means you're wearing the latest frock from Paris."

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Opera Popularity Bjoerling Revives

Jussi Bjoerling, young Swedish tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who will be heard in recital here Monday, February 5, at the Auditorium, has, at the early age of 28 one of the most complete operatic repertoires of all time. Already he knows and has appeared in over 54 roles, an extraordinary feat for one so young.

For his first year at the Metropolitan Opera, where he was the youngest artist to receive a guest contract for principal parts, General Director Edward Johnson asked Bjoerling to prepare "La Boheme," "Rigoletto" and "Il Trovatore" as it should be sung; that is, hitting the high C's and sustaining them in full voice. Jussi Bjoerling can soar up to a high C and hold it.

"Il Trovatore" began to suffer as a box office attraction when tenors transposed their arias downward. It seemed to lose its brilliance when sung by other top-notch artists in the three principal roles, but it is hoped that through Mr. Bjoerling's efforts it will be revived to its former popularity.

Mr. Johnson expressed great confidence in Bjoerling and prophesied a wonderful future for his youngest artist. Tickets are now on sale at Kelly's Piano Store on Granville.

Irish Girl Visits Nisei Pen Pal On Bicycle Honeymoon To New Zealand

By Anthony T. Kobayashi

It was the afternoon of a September day in 1939, when the busy fruit harvesting season was being interrupted by a drizzling rain. A tall, attractive girl of athletic build, dressed in shorts and sport shirt, with a glorious sun-tan and wind-swept hair, came up the winding pathway to a hill-top residence in Okanagan Centre. With twinkling eyes, she flashed a winning Irish smile, as she inquired, "Is this where Blanche Kobayashi lives?" Upon being replied to in the affirmative, she retreated half-way down the path and excitedly called to her cycling companion, "Oh Arthur, I've found her at last!"

The girl was Maureen Parry, her companion, her newly-acquired husband. The Japanese girl she sought was her pen pal with whom she had corresponded over a period of four years. It is not uncommon for pen pals to realize one of their fondest ambitions and meet their unseen friends, but the circumstances attending this meeting are rather extraordinary.

Honeymoon to New Zealand Via Bicycle

Maureen was one of Blanche's many pen pals, and lived in Dublin, Ireland, where she worked as a civil service clerk. Last May she married Arthur Parry and for their honeymoon trip set out for New Zealand via bicycle! They left Dublin on June 1st and after touring England, boarded a freighter for Canada, arriving in Montreal on June 25th.

There commenced the cross-country cycle tour which has been acclaimed the first one over an all-Canadian route. They peddled into Okanagan Centre on September 11th, and a few days later reached Vancouver.

Their specially equipped bicycles were loaded down with all the necessaries of travel, special care being taken to eliminate weight in their clothing and other equipment. In all their travels, a silk tent was their night shelter and cooking was over an open fire.

The happy couple were quite enthused over Canada and its people and appeared to enjoy their trip immensely. The charming personalities and quick-responding wit of the Irish adventurers completely won the hearts of the Centrites who wished them happiness and success on their journey.

Marco, The Gondolier

Nisei Tenor Sings Lead in Operetta

A talented young Nisei will take a leading role in the annual production of the Musical Society of the University of B.C. this year.

He is Tatsuo Sanmiya, third year student, who will sing the tenor lead of Marco, in Gilbert and Sullivan's well-known operetta, "The Gondoliers." He will sing one of the most popular airs written by the famous duo of composers, "A Pair of Sparkling Eyes."

Two years ago he won success in the role of Guy of Gisborne in the Society's production of "Robin Hood."

Another Nisei student, Mariko Uyeda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Uyeda, 2995 West 29th, will sing in the chorus of "Contadinos."

With the cast of eighty students practicing daily, and rehearsals far in advance of schedule, the production gives promise of being the most successful in years. Musical direction is again being handled by C. Haydn Williams and the dramatic scenes by E. V. Young.

The operetta will be presented Feb. 22-24 at the University Theatre on the campus. Tickets are now available from any member of the Society, or from J. W. Kelly on Seymour, after Feb. 14.

Powell YP Shows At Kitsilano Friday

Nisei Thespians will make their bid for dramatic recognition Friday evening at the Kitsilano High School when the Powell United YPS directed by Yuki Yoshida, will present "First Class Matter" in the Drama Festival of the Greater Vancouver Y.P. Union.

"First Class Matter," a comedy laid in the telephone office of a boarding house, is centred upon the theme of the well-meaning trouble maker. The action revolves around Ada, the big-hearted telephone operator, who with all good intentions withholds some first class matter from an aspiring author thereby causing unpleasant feelings and broken romances.

The leading role of Ada is played by Aki Hyodo, who is supported by Jimmy Suzuki, her janitor lover; Wes Fujiwara, the author; Koto Yatabe, his fiancee; and Norah Fujita, the Irish scrubwoman.

Presented on the same program will be plays by St. Andrew's Fellowship, St. John's Fellowship and the Crosby Drama Club.

Saturday evening will feature "Ebb Tide" by the Cumberland YPA and "As You Like It" by the Belmont United YPS of Victoria.

A YEAR AGO ... THIS WEEK

The Board of Review, investigating charges of B. C. M.L.A.'s and M.P.'s that "hundreds of Japanese were being smuggled into the country each year," handed down the report of its investigations, and branded the charges as "false both in detail and substance."

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A census of the Japanese population of B. C. conducted by the Canadian Japanese Association indicated that contrary to popular belief the population has actually declined since the census of 1931.

Although the number of second generation jumped from 11,081 to 13,143, the total population declined from 22,205 to 22,075 owing to deaths and departures for Japan.

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Odds and Ends

On a Few Japanese Falkways

Japan — "Land of the Rising Sun," pearled in the waters of the vast Pacific, for the most part as distant and fairy-like as the land of the six-inch Lilliputians — what a country of contrasts she presents today!

In 1940, on the occasion of her 2600th anniversary in reviewing the advance of her civilization, she can point with pride to the ultra-modern in her bustling metropolis, Tokyo, yet the ancient and intrinsically Japanese is to be seen almost everywhere still, in many cases side by side with the modern.

When it comes to making comparisons, an utterly different mode of living and quaint customs make it impossible to measure with the occidental yardstick many of these things that are Japanese.

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"JAPANESE TIME"

To begin with, time in Japanese chronology is not reckoned as in Christian countries. It is divided into eras with a variable number of years, which now correspond with the reigns of the respective Emperors, each era being designated by a particular name called a "year name." Thus, 1940 is the 15th year of Showa — the first year of the present Showa ("Radiant Peace") being 1926 — and this Showa is the 230th era since the founding of the Japanese Empire by Jimmu Tenno.

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A JAPANESE CHARACTERISTIC

The Japanese are highly emotional but early acquire the habit of suppressing evidences of their deep-seated emotion, and encase themselves in an armour of inscrutability impenetrable to the Westerner. But occasionally their emotions cannot be suppressed and break out violently even in high places, as revealed in the scenes which sometimes occur during the sittings of the Diet.

Only a few years ago at some of the great baseball games even the most exciting plays did not move the huge crowds to shout or yell in the approved manner; they sat, thousands of men and boys, absolutely silent as if at a funeral. However, today a Japanese baseball crowd is not much different from the ardent American fans of the game.

The theatre is one place where the Japanese give free expression to their emotions. During pathetic scenes, men and women weep with little restraint.

The Japanese regard self-control as the highest of the virtues. English has many expletives — and they fill a useful function, but in Japanese swear words are practically non-existent, which would indicate that the Japanese language has little provision made for the expression of anger.

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BULLYING POLICEMAN BULLIED

In some old communities there is an ancient autumn festival custom which allows the villagers to punish the most hated person in the village — and sometimes this custom and privilege are observed in very strenuous ways.

On October 18, 1932, in the little town of Shiozaka, in Wakayama Prefecture this custom was carried out vigourouly, but as the victim happened to be the lone policeman of the village, the action brought down the wrath of the authorities on the offenders.

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GIFT GIVING

Another interesting Japanese custom is the one connected with the giving of gifts.

When a neighbour makes a gift of some fruit, mushrooms, etc., a maid servant usually brings it on a lacquer tray covered with a fukusa, a silken cloth. When the tray is handed back, a sheet of special writing paper, hanshi, or a box of matches is placed on the tray. If this were not done, its omission would indicate that the receiver did not care to receive further gifts from that particular giver. The Japanese say that only a beggar returns an empty tray.

The box of matches is a survival of the custom of making a return gift of the old-time flat and broad carton of matches then in use — a git of some value in those days when matches were not so cheap as they are today.

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Japanese Ass. Holds Annual Elections

Elected as Nisei representatives on the committee of the Victoria Japanese Association were Masao Kuwabara and Muss Okamoto, prominent JCCL leaders in the capital city.

Re-elected to the presidency of the Association was K. Takahashi, supported by M. Kawasoe, vice-president; S. Henmi, secretary; O. Onishi, assistant secretary; and G. Watanabe, treasurer.

Other members of the executive include N. Watanabe, H. Takahashi, S. Kondo, M. Ioi, K. Uyeda, R. Ono, K. Tanaka, M. Okamoto, M. Samejima, M. Kuwabara, K. Takata, S. Nakasone, K. Ise, J. Mizuno, K. Kaneda and M. Sawada.

C.J.A. Re-Elects Nisei Leaders To Executive Board

That the Nisei are being accorded more and more recognition among the Issei was revealed in last week's 26th annual elections of the Canadian Japanese Association, as over 500 members went to the polls in a record vote to elect this year's executive.

Dr. M. Miyazaki, Edward T. Ouchi and Nobuichi Yamaoka were among the thirty-five successful candidates for the Association's general executive board while Eddie Kitagawa was one of the three entrusted with the auditorship.

Dr. Miyazaki is well-known for the sterling work he has performed in the past as treasurer of the Association while Mr. Ouchi and Mr. Yamaoka are perhaps more widely known to the Nisei in connection with the JCCL. Mr. Kitagawa, starring as an important cog in the champion Asahi nine of a decade ago, is now serving the community in one of the city's major banking institutions.

Your Radio Deserves An Expert Technic'n

Organized in 1928 and incorporated under the laws of the province, the Associated Radio Technicians of B.C. is an organization of the most efficient radio servicemen in the province, according to Katsumi Tateishi, Nisei radio specialist of Steveston.

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Mr. Tateishi stresses that a radio is a delicately-adjusted mechanism, and deserves the care that only a thoroughly experienced well-equipped specialist can give it.

Nippons Wind Up Int. "A" Season As Boys' Brigade Take First Win

The hard-working Nippons wound up their Intermediate A cage schedule by dropping a ragged game to an improved Boys Brigade five, 40-20. The win was the first in twelve starts for the hitherto luckless cellar-dwellers.

The Powell Streeters trotted another iron-man team onto the Y.W.C.A. gym floor and were in the thick of the fight at first holding their opponents to a 11-9 edge in the initial quarter. But without subs they tired quickly before the onslaught of the taller and heavier Brigade basketballers who won going away.

In the second half just two men dented the hemp for the Powell Street quintet. Nikaido snagged all his five points in the third, and in the last period Shimizu zipped in two baskets, his contribution to the contest.

High scorer of the evening was Neilson who ran wild in the fourth quarter to rap in a total of 13 markers.

CHAPEAU

By Bob Okazaki

The other night the Son of Nippon had a dream. And in his dream he saw hats floating around in disordered profusion. Headgear of every description filled the air.

This surely was an omen. And so the following afternoon, on arrival at Santa Anita, Mr. Hashiguchi was delighted to see that the first name on the day's list of entries was Hatteras.

The race started. Hatteras trailed slightly at the quarter. He was neck and neck with the leader at the half. He passed the three-quarter post half-a-length in the lead. Then the entire bunch thundered down the home stretch past the Nipponese. Mr. Hashiguchi was some distance from the post and could not determine the winner.

"Sombrero wins!"

JCCL Squad Breaks For 2nd Half Lead

With Jimmie Shimizu and Harold Kawasoe flashing great form to snare fourteen and ten points apiece, the Citizen Leaguers beat out the Taiyos, 26-19, in the first game of the second half of the capital city cage loop.

The JCCL squad led 16-8 at half time. Top point-getter for the losing team was Thomas Kuwahara with twelve points.

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JCCL: Kuwata, Kondo (2), Shimizu (14), Henmi, Okamoto, H. Kawasoe (10). Total, 26.

Taiyos: Mitsuo Kawasoe, Muneo Kawasoe (2), Kuwabara (12), Kawahara (2), Hasegawa (3). Total, 19.

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Fuji Skiers Are Moaning Low

Spring is in the air, and all the world seems bright and cheery, with buds getting ready to burst and birds tuning up down south.

But the Fuji Skiers are singing their swan song for the season, after enjoying only three Sundays of skiing up on Grouse. "It looks as if," mourns Secretary Coco Okawara, "we're all washed up, now that the rain last Sunday washed all the snow away!"

It certainly is a pitiful, for after spending all summer labouring on building a new cabin, club members find that the weatherman has shipped all the snow to Florida.

Last Sunday so desperate were Bus Oheri and Tom Hatanaka that they went out shovel in hand and finally gathered up enough of the stuff to make a fifteen-foot downhill course. They practised on it all afternoon.

The rest of the Fuji Skiers spent the afternoon at cards.

"But," says Coco, "there's a silver lining in this rain cloud. No big fuel bills to worry about!"

Princeton International

The club has received an invitation from the Princeton Ski Association to attend the International Ski Tournament at Princeton, Feb. 9-11.

The Princeton Ski Hill is considered one of the best on the continent, according to Secretary Carl Stenvold, who writes, "We are hoping your club will be well represented as this would make the first tournament that we have had competitors of Japanese descent in our competitions."

Sometime in March, the club will journey to Rainier to return last year's visit by Seattle's Roku Club. They'll try to hold the Nishihama Challenge trophy for slalom and downhill events for the second year.

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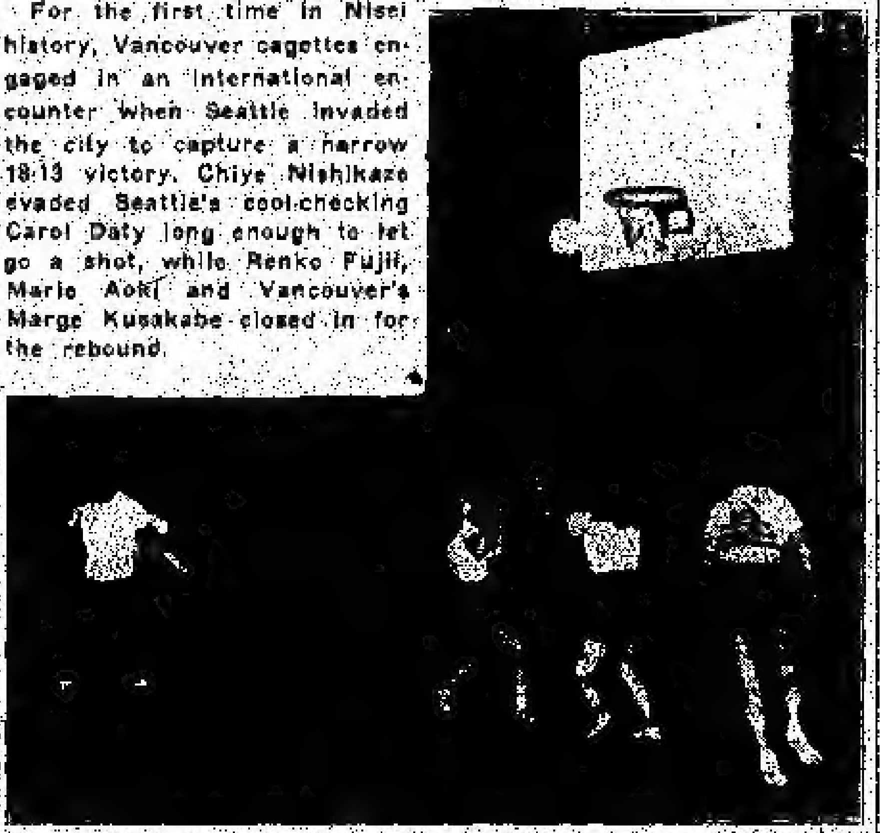
Cagettes Clash

For the first time in Nisei history, Vancouver cagettes engaged in an international encounter when Seattle invaded the city to capture a narrow 18-13 victory. Chiye Nishikaze evaded Seattle's cool-checking Carol Daty long enough to let go a shot, while Renko Fujii, Marie Aoki and Vancouver's Marge Kusakabe closed in for the rebound.



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Steveston Star Stages Scoring Spree

Stop Harry's; Maikawas Down Druggists

There's a young man down in Steveston who goes by the name of Teruo Nakatsu. Some say he's a crooner, others a one-man show over the footlights, but the rabid cage fans who gathered at the Powell Gym last Wednesday unanimously agreed that he was some basketballer as he sniped a total of 31 points to lead his team-mates to a decisive 45-36 victory over the much vaunted Harry's crew.

In the curtain caller, Powell Drug kept up with a fast-stepping Maikawa squad with the department store boys holding a slight edge, but finally bogged down to a 45-35 defeat.

There was no stopping Nakatsu from the toot of the opening whistle. Under the bucket, in front, to the side, from way out—it didn't make much difference. He was right in there scoring, scoring, scoring.

Up to the disastrous third session, Harry's were very much in the picture trailing by a scant basket, 24-22, but Nakatsu again hit his first-period stride potting four honeys in a row, leaving the opposition ten points in the backwash, a lead that was just too much for Harry's to overcome.

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Similarly, Maikawa led by a margin of only two baskets in the last quarter, but Tuck Shimizu, the druggists' sharpshooter, swished in a beauty to bring the difference to one basket, 33-31.

WINNING RALLY

From then on, the drug store boys kept fighting back point for point but suddenly a yellow-shirt splurge with baskets by Onizuka, Uno and Ashikawa cleared Maikawas out of the ticklish position.

Tuck Shimizu kept the Powell Drug quintet in the fight by sinking 16 points while Shige Ashikawa was second with 15.

Steveston, Marpole Ernie's Line Up For Play-off Berths

There were no upsets in the Junior casaba games played during the week. Tuesday, Ernies took Celtics to the cleaners, 62-32, Marpole doubled the score on the winless Acmes, 45-23, and on Wednesday, Steveston stretched their unbroken win streak to eight holding down a strong Nomad five, 35-27.

Steveston and Marpole are a cinch for first and second as the season draws to a close, while Nomads and Ernies and Monarchs will battle it out for the remaining berths. Acmes are out in the cold while the Celts still have a mathematical chance.

In the Ernies-Celtic tussle with Kiyoshi Suga on the rampage, Ernies took the aggressive from the first and sweeping into an early 12-6 lead won going away.

Marpole started out slowly against the tailenders but gradually forged ahead and paced by tiny "Sub" Mike put the game on ice in the last quarter.

Displaying their usual smooth team-work, Steveston Juniors built up an overwhelming 33-16 margin in three quarters and although only Naruse was able to bulge the twine in the last quarter for the fishers they won handily 35-27.

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SPORTS Sukiyaki

By Seiji Onizuka

Seattle's invasion is all over. After a hectic week-end of taking the visitors sight-seeing; driving through torrential Vancouver rain; racing here and there from Yamasan to Itaguma for their favourite dish, fish cakes; looking for souvenirs; walking through Woodward's on a candy-buying rampage and at the same time trying to learn the "Pancho" from Marie and Renko, Seattle's champion jitterbugs, I was a physical wreck on Monday. Hoping to catch up on my sleep at the office, I crept in slowly, but woe is me, the chief heard me and now I'm stuck with this column, whether you like it or not!

Classified Ads

WANTED—Somebody with some knowledge of the girls' rules. Apply at The New Canadian. The girls' game was so muddled up that the usually competent ref, Eddie Ide didn't know whether they were coming or going. A little brushing up on the rules and a little care taken in ball-handling and we can take them. No horse-laff please.

Vancouver Nippons looked for an easy win over Hornets, but it was not as simple as they had anticipated. If it hadn't been for the accurate sniping of Klide Shimizu, they would be in mourning now instead of singing their victory song. Either the crowd, or the girls on the side bench distracted Shige Ashikawa so much that the usual 20-pointer could garner only 9 points, missing many set-ups.

T-Bone Steak for Bull's-eyes

Talking of one-hand artists it was worth the money to see the way Tom Kubota, the hustling Hornet guard, buzzed around and pulled in those nifty, high-arching one-hand shots that netted him 15 points. Anyone desiring information as to where he gets all his pep, just inquire at the New Pier Cafe and hear how he maltreated the T-Bone steak last Saturday.

While we're on the subject of casaba-tossing, Mi Akiyama, the hustling manager of the Nippons, is mighty glad that all league games are over in the community league. Lately the players' turnout has been so disgusting that he has had barely enough for one full team. I can't understand why the players haven't shown a little more co-operative spirit. On the other hand the Nippons in the Pro-Rec Loop have made such a fine showing that they have more than a chance to make the play-offs. Here's hoping that we'll see at least one bacon coming home to roost.

This Game of Water Soccer

Going into Soccer channels, allow me to tip my hat off to the Japanese soccer lads. While strolling along Powell Grounds last Sunday in the drizzling rain I suddenly noticed a mob of mud-soaked lunatics kicking a heavy water-logged ball around on the playground, slithering and rolling in the puddles of rain water. Having never seen a bunch of lunatics assembled in one field before I took a closer gander and to my astonishment the mud-caked figures turned out to be our own Japanese soccer boys going at it hammer-and-tongs and soaked to the skin. Can they take it!

"Yessir, The Champ Knocked Me Out!"

"Who, Ken Lindsay? Not so hot," answered Tadao Kato several months ago in an interview with The New Canadian when asked for his opinion of Lindsay, the recently crowned U.S. amateur flyweight champion. Tadao Kato ran up against the champ, and a T.K.O. in the recent Sun Golden Glove Tournament. "What do you say now, Tad? Is it still 'Not so hot'?"

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